revenue collected from each of the villages constituting the present Kattur constituency and the expenditure incurred annually on the improvement of each for the last four years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Separate village-war accounts of revenue and expenditure are not maintained by the Government. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish the required information.

Economic Depression—relieving of.

59. Mr. E. Ikakanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken to relieve the distress caused by the economic depression in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government have taken steps to relieve the economic depression in the State by granting special loans and liberal remissions of land revenue assessment. Considerable reductions in the land tax payable by ryots supplemented by generous remissions of land revenue under the ordinary rules, generous concessions to those who subsist by fisheries in this State, re-payable in easy instalments, the instructions given to the subordinate judiciary by the highest court of this land for a more liberal working of the Provisions of Civil Procedure Code in the way of regulating sales of properties and arrests of the persons of debtors and attempt to keep down high rates of interest by legislation, and liberal concession in commutation rates of dues payable to Government—all these palliatives constitute a record which speaks for itself. Government have been making continuous efforts to relieve agrarian distress in the State and if no outright solution of difficulty has been possible it is because of the difficulty of finding out what exactly the depression is due to.

Loan Department.

60. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what did it cost the Government to run the Loans Department when Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon was appointed as Special Loan Officer; what was the work done by the Department then;

(2) what is the monthly expenses incurred by the Government to run the present Loans Department, inclusive of salaries of clerks appointed in civil courts to collect statistics for the Department;

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